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NEW ORLEANS -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public information meeting and open house this Saturday in its continuing effort to inform the community on the status of the Mississippi Gulf River Outlet Deep-Draft De-authorization (MRGO-3D) Report and to solicit comments from the public. At the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the MRGO-3D draft final report as well as the Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement, which is anticipated to be completed by the Corps and provided to Congress in December 2007.

When: Saturday, May 19, 2007

Where: Nunez Community College Auditorium
710 Paris Road
Chalmette, LA 70043

Agenda: 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Open House Poster Session
10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. MRGO Study Presentation
11:00 a.m. – Public Question and Answer Session

To view the draft report online, visit <http://mrgo.usace.army.mil/default.aspx?p=MRGO>. Those with special needs should call 504.862.2587 by 3 p.m., May 18, 2007.

Congress authorized construction of the MRGO in 1956 to allow navigation a safer and quicker route between the Gulf of Mexico and the Port of New Orleans. Congress has now directed the Corps to develop a comprehensive plan to de-authorize deep-draft shipping on the MRGO from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

The Final MRGO 3-D Report will be part of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration (LACPR) Report, and is due to Congress in December 2007.

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